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October 22, 2017

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State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas 266 N Main, Suite 220 Wichita, KS 67202

RE: Application for Injection Wells in Douglas County, KS Lease on Thrasher property Permit Number E-31-965 Hadl Lease New Permit

## **Dear Commission**

As surface property owners within ½ mile of these two lease application, we are writing to express our concern about the impact of the water injection activity of these leases. We acknowledge their right to extract oil from the property, however, the injection activity raises concern about the impact it may have on our health, the environment, and the integrity of our property.

First of all it is impossible, based on the information we received from Midstates Energy Operating, LLC, to determine where the injection wells are to be located.

There is a great deal of evidence indicating that the processes and chemicals used in fracking can be harmful to the environment and the health of those nearby. The wells in this application are close to several homes. It is not uncommon for wells to fail causing contamination on the surface. This area drains into the Wakarusa River, Kansas River, and ultimately the Missouri River.

There is a strong correlation between fracking and seismic activity. The drilling activity in southern Kansas and Oklahoma is believed to have caused earthquakes as far north as Lawrence. We are concerned that these new applications for water injection have the potential to result in more seismic activity causing damage to property. We have attempted to contact the Kansas Geologic Survey office to get more information, but because of the short deadline to respond to the application, we have been unable to do so in time.

Based on the concerns listed above and the fact that the application does not contain what appears to be accurate maps of the sites, we are objecting to the applications.

Sincerely, S.

James and Patricia Bondurant 1028 East 1901 Road Eudora, KS 66025 785/580-6686 or 785/979-1517

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2017-11-17 14:53:47 Kansas Corporation Commission /s/ Lynn M. Retz

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October 27, 2017

JAMES & PATRICIA BONDURANT 1028 EAST 1901 ROAD EUDORA KS 66025

RE: Application for Injection Authority Docket No. E-32,566 MidStates Energy Operating LLC Hadl I-1 & I-2 Sec. 36-13S-20E Douglas County, Kansas

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bondurant:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your protest/objection to the above-referenced application.

Please advise me within ten (10) days of receiving this letter if you feel a hearing should be scheduled in this matter. If a hearing is scheduled, you will be expected to participate in the hearing either in person or through legal counsel. Should you decide that you will not participate in a hearing, none will be scheduled and the application will be handled administratively and your protest will be noted. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires a hearing be held where significant interest is demonstrated. Failure to participate in the hearing process after filing a protest or objection indicates a lack of significant interest and no useful purpose would be served by holding a hearing if you, as opposing party, are not there to present testimony or cross-examine applicant's witnesses. If you are going to appear, you will receive a Notice of Hearing and should carefully comply with that Notice, including the requirement of pre-filed testimony. Any person requiring special accommodations under The Americans With Disabilities Act needs to give notice to the Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled hearing date. If you have questions regarding the hearing process, please contact Jon Meyers (316-337-6200) of our legal staff.

Commission staff has the duty to represent the public in general in recommending approval or denial of applications for injection or disposal well authority. One of the Commission's primary concerns is the protection of our groundwater and environment. If no hearing is held on this application, your objection will be taken into consideration by our staff in making a recommendation on this application. All of our staff geologists and technicians have qualified as expert witnesses and are sensitive to the concerns expressed by you and the citizens of our State.

Enclosed is a copy of the Conservation Division regulations regarding applications, hearings, and protestants. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very traly your Rene Stucky **UIC** Director

cc: MidStates Energy Operating LLC District Office # 3 Jerry Knobel Legal ✓ File

Enclosure



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Sam Brownback, Governor